

is given \$13,000 a year and the Blackstone \$10,000.

With the States restaurant, Rector's, Lambs' Cafe, the Bismarck and other restaurants they have an arrangement whereby they give a percentage to the owners for the exclusive taxi privilege.

Though Shaw representatives at the time of the fight to boost the rates made the claim that they couldn't afford to carry passengers at the old rate they still give members of the Chicago Athletic Association the old rate of 40 cents an hour, it is claimed in the protest.

And to further disprove the claim that such a rate is not a hardship, they allow the club 10 per cent on all fares.

They have the backing of Marshall Field & Company on account of the peculiar agreement between the two whereby the Shaw Company carries Marshall Field's customers from the store to any place within a radius of a mile at the rate of from one to four passengers for 50 cents.

Recently the independent taxi owners banded together in protest against the high-handed methods of the Shaw Company. They knew it was possible to carry passengers for a far smaller rate than the one which the Shaw Company succeeded in having established and they made their fight on those grounds.

They petitioned for lowering of rates and found a champion in Ald. John Kjellander, who brought the matter up on the council. It was referred to the council judiciary committee. The committee intends reporting back to the city council Monday.

The independent owners have heard that in making their report the judiciary committee intends to defy the will of the majority of the taxi owners and dance to the crack of the whip of the Shaw Company.

So through their attorneys, Cruice and Langille, they have drawn up a letter of protest wherein they show

that it is possible for Chicago to establish the rate of 30 cents an hour, which has proven so successful in New York.

And now despite the power of the Hearst-Harrison Democrats they intend to fight for their rights before the city council.

In connection with the report that Andy Lawrence is a stockholder, Timothy Neary, business agent of the Chauffeurs' Union, says: "I have positive knowledge that Andy Lawrence owns an interest in the Shaw Co."

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